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Professor Arne Tiselius
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Dear Professor Tiselius:

That you should quote my remarks can only honor me. You also create the unexpected opportunity of giving them public expression without the fuss that might result from their personal attribution. Apart from the private catharsis, I hope it may be quieting to other laureates many of whom, as you have indicated, may share these feelings and the frustration that decor imposes. If, as I do hope, you succeed in outwitting the remarkably resourceful Swedish press in maintaining the confidence of their source, you may deserve congratulations for a new order of ingenuity.

You doubtless will be waiting for some quieter moments to take up the matter Heden alluded to. As I have already responded to Heden, I hope that "grave" might be substituted for "harmful" in describing the frame of reference of any inquiry. There is a strong primalistic tendency to take phrases out of context, and even the expression "harmful effects offscience" might be prejudicial in a quite unintended way.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics

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